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REMARKS

Claims 8 and 10-14 are currently pending. Claims 13 and 14 are added. Claim 1 is currently amended to clarify that background stripes visually separate text information. Applicants traverse all of the rejections in the Office Action and respectfully request reconsideration and passage of the claims to allowance for the following reasons.

Claim 8 is Patentable over Zdepski/Ribas-Corbera under §103

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,606,746 to Zdepski et al. ("Zdepski") in further view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0122598 for Ribas-Corbera et al. ("Ribas-Corbera").

According to MPEP §2143, to establish a prima facie case of obviousness under §103, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, not in applicant's disclosure. *In re Vaeck*, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, because the Office Action failed to establish a prima facie case of obviousness. The combination of Zdepski and Ribas-Corbera fails to teach or suggest all the claim elements. For example, the combination fails to teach or suggest background stripes that visually separate text information.

Claim 8 recites, *inter alia*, "dividing an information section of a user interface into a plurality of macroblocks, the user interface including the information section and a display section, the information section including a plurality of background stripes that visually separate text information, the macroblocks not crossing any border between two adjacent background stripes". Claim 8 is currently amended to clarify that the background stripes visually separate text information. Zdepski and Ribas-Corbera

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disclose dividing frames into a grid of squares based on pixels, which differs from the claimed macroblocks that do not cross any border between two adjacent background stripes. (See Zdepski, col. 2, lines 29-39; Figure 4A and Ribas-Corbera, page 2, [0029].) Therefore, claim 8 is patentable over the combination of Zdepski and Ribas-Corbera under §103.

Claims 10-14 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 8 and, thus, inherit the patentable subject matter of claim 8, while adding additional elements and further defining elements. Therefore, claims 10-14 are also patentable over the combination of Zdepski and Ribas-Corbera under §103 for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 8.

Claims 10 and 11 are Patentable over Zdepski/Ribas-Corbera/Vasconcelos/Lee under §103

Claims 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zdepski in further view of Ribas-Corbera, "Pre and Post-Filtering for Low Bit-Rate Video Coding" by Vasconcelos ("Vasconcelos") and U.S. Patent No. 5,748,789 to Lee et al. ("Lee").

Claims 10 and 11 are patentable over the combination of Zdepski and Ribas-Corbera for at least the reasons discussed above. Furthermore, Vasconcelos and Lee also fail to teach or suggest the claimed macroblocks that do not cross any border between two adjacent background stripes. Therefore, claims 10 and 11 are also patentable over the combination of Zdepski, Ribas-Corbera, Vasconcelos, and Lee under §103.

Claim 12 is Patentable over Zdepski/Ribas-Corbera/Eschbach under §103

The Office Action rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zdepski in further view of Ribas-Corbera and U.S. Patent No. 5,379,122 to Eschbach ("Eschbach").

Claim 12 is patentable over the combination of Zdepski and Ribas-Corbera for at least the reasons discussed above. Furthermore, Eschbach also fails to teach or suggest the claimed macroblocks that do not cross any border between two adjacent

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background stripes. Therefore, claim 12 is also patentable over the combination of Zdepski, Ribas-Corbera, and Eschbach under §103.

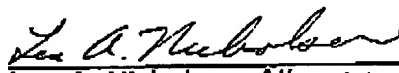
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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and passage of the claims to allowance. If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall or Lea Nicholson at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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